

APPROVED MINUTES
HIGHER EDUCATION RESEARCH COUNCIL MEETING

December 5, 2000

LBJ Building, Boise, ID - Room 324 / 11:00 am – 11:40 am

Present:

Darrell Manning, Chair
John Huffman
Ron Bitner

Richard Bowen
Chuck Ruch
Dennis Stevens

Robin Dodson
Robert Hoover (via phone) Neil
Zimmerman (via phone)

Absent:

Bill Shipp

I. Minutes of July 29, 2000

MSC(Ruch/Bitner): To approve the minutes of July 29, 2000.

II. EPSCoR Appointments

Dr. Dodson directed the Council to the list of nominees recommended by the State EPSCoR Committee for HERC's consideration.

- Mr. R. James Coleman, J•U•B Engineers, Inc.
- Dr. Blake F. Grant, Grants and Associates Consultant
- Mr. Jon L. Stoner, AMI Semiconductors
- Dr. Dennis L. Stevens, VAMC

MSC (Bowen/Bitner): To accept the nominations as presented and forward them to the IRSA and the SBOE with a recommendation to appoint each for a three-year term.

III. Research Center Grant Program--Summary of Reviewer Qualifications

Dr. Dodson briefed the Council on the FY 2001 Research Center Grant Program, and the need to recruit 100 peer-reviewers for the first review phase. Currently, 15-17 reviewers have been identified. In accordance with HERC policy, the Council is required to act on those reviewers prior to the actual review.

Ms. Lynn Humphrey will fax the summaries of the identified reviewers to date with a request to approve or disapprove the reviewers as soon as possible. Additional reviewer summaries will be forthcoming as they are recruited. The Council stated they would provide a quick turn around time.

IV. Idaho Association of Commerce and Industry--Public Affairs Committee

Support of SBOE Budget

A discussion ensued regarding the support of IACI's Public Affairs Committee with regard to the following items:

- Full funding of the SBOE's MCO request.
- Renewal of the \$1.3 million appropriation of the Governor's College and University Excellence Program
- Support for compensation levels that will allow the President's (postsecondary institution) to address and manage critical recruiting and retention of issues of faculty.
- A one-time \$2.0 million appropriation for research infrastructure.

The focal point of the discussion was the one-time \$2.0 million appropriation for research infrastructure and clarification regarding whether this was an addition to the \$2.5 million HERC request and the SBOE \$4.0 million request. It appeared that the \$2.0 million is a separate item from the HERC and SBOE requests.

MSC (Stevens/Huffman): To support IACI's recommendation and if appropriated, distribute the funds equally among the institutions.

The Board's institutional presidents abstained from this vote.

IV. Other/New Business

A discussion ensued regarding the Governor's budget for HERC and higher education in general.

There was some discussion regarding the use of science and math professionals (e.g., engineers) in the K-12 environment. Items discussed included alternative certification, the lack of a formal structure/procedure(s), accreditation, and the current efforts of the SBOE/Albertson Foundation Idaho's MOST project.

HERC discussed the Governor's Science and Technology Advisory Council, their current status on the strategic plan, and the desire to have HERC meet with the Council. Dr. Dodson noted that he would forward a copy of the November 1-2, 2000 draft of the Science Technology Strategy Plan to HERC members. Further, he would also find out when the final document is to be made available.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:45AM.